

New Program Content!

Girl Scouts is excited to announce new girl programs focusing on things girls want to do: **STEM** & the **Outdoors**! We've added to the choices girls and volunteers already have, with programs developed by experts, designed to encourage and support girl leadership.

New Badges!

Girl Scouts can earn new badges and there are even badge options for Daisies! Requirements are available on the VTK and for purchase in our Council's shops (excluding Engineering).

Troop Camping badges

One for each level
Daisy through Ambassador

Robotics badges

Three progressive badges for each level
Daisy, Brownie and Junior

Mechanical Engineering badges

Three progressive badges for each level
Daisy and Brownie

The Daisy Outdoor Art and Citizen badges



New Journeys!

- 6 New Journeys for Daisies, Brownies and Juniors are available on the Volunteer Toolkit (VTK), as well as a multi-level option for these levels.
- 6 The new Journeys include hands-on activities, integrating **Discover**, **Connect** and **Take Action**. And, the format is simpler to use and easy to deliver. Journeys include:

Outdoor • Think Like An Engineer • Think Like a Programmer • Think Like a Citizen Scientist

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Frequently Asked Questions

Will the new STEM and Outdoor Journeys replace the current journeys or be in addition to them?

The new STEM and Outdoor Journeys are in addition to the choices that girls and volunteers already have.

The three original Journeys are NOT going away.

Where can I find the requirements for the new Journeys and Badges?

The requirements for the new Journeys and Badges are available on the VTK for D/B/J and Multi-level (K-5). For C/S/A, the materials will be added as PDFs on the Resource tab for Back to Troop, 2017. Most of the badge requirements will be available for purchase as booklets in our Council stores and online.

What does the new, streamlined Journey format look like?

Depending upon the content, some Journeys are shorter and some are longer, but they have been made simpler to use and easier to deliver. There will be no physical books for the new Journeys, as they are available on the VTK. There will be between seven and nine sessions, which include three Take Action meetings, for each program level Journey as part of a Year Plan.

Is there a multi-level option available for the new Journeys?

Yes! For troops that are made up of Daisies, Brownies and/or Juniors, there is a multi-level version available. To access this version, your troop must be listed as a multi-level troop on the troop catalog.

Can girls still earn the Journey Summit Award?

Yes! Girls can continue to earn the Journey Summit Award by completing ANY three Journeys for their program level. There are now more Journeys for the girls to choose from!

Do the new Journeys count towards prerequisites for the High Awards (Bronze, Silver, Gold)?

Yes, the new Journeys will be added to the existing Journey prerequisites for earning the High Awards (Bronze, Silver and Gold) by Girl Scout level.

- Bronze Award: One Junior Journey
- Silver Award: One Cadette Journey
- Gold Award: Two Senior or Ambassador Journeys or one Senior or Ambassador Journey if they earned their Silver Award

What is the current plan for Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador program content within the Volunteer Toolkit?

Even though the VTK is currently focused for Daisy, Brownie and Junior troops, some program resources for Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors will be available as PDFs on the Resource tab of the VTK in the Fall, 2017. Plus older girl troops can create their own year by using the Custom Year Plan option.

Why did GSUSA focus on younger girls first for the STEM pillar?

Since Daisies, Brownies and Juniors make up our largest membership, we can reach the largest number of girls (1.4 million) by starting with this demographic. Since a majority of children decide whether they're interested in STEM by third grade, by getting girls excited and engaged in their elementary school years they are more likely to stay involved in STEM as they get older. GSUSA is developing and piloting new program materials for Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors for a release date in mid to late 2018.

How will Juliettes and individually registered girls get this information if they do not have access to the VTK?

Individually registered girls will be able to purchase badge booklets from their council shops and add them to *The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting*. Councils will have PDF resources of the new program material and leader's aids available in the Fall 2017 to support parents of individually registered girls.